#### PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

NOV 14 2006 Applicant: Health Department October 27, 2006 Submission Date: Purpose: (Please select all that apply) Applicant's Address, Phone Number and Email Open Space Doug Halley, Health Director Health Department, 472 Main Street **Community Housing** Acton, MA 01720 (978) 264-9634 O Historic Preservation dhalley@town.acton.ma.us Recreation Town Committee (if applicable): **River Street/Concrete Dam Land Acquisition Project Name:** Project Location/Address: 53 River Street - Tax Atlas Map H3A - Parcel 47 Amount Requested: \$750,000 to \$1,250,000 (Sale Negotiation in progress) **Project Summary:** In the space below, provide a brief summary of the project. 53 River Street is a 7.26 acre parcel that straddles Fort Pond Brook in South Acton off of River Street. The property is Zoned Light Industrial. It is currently owned by the River Street Nominee Trust and was formerly the operations site for Lazzaro Paving. Lazzaro Paving still maintains the property for storage and leases the building to a variety of contractors. The upper 2/3 of the property is wetlands and flood plain retained by a non-functional concrete dam. The lower 1/3 of the property is where the buildings and property uses are located. The owner of the property is currently examining the potential of building 22 residential units on the site. The Town initially approached the owner regarding acquisition of the dam. Because the dam no longer serves a purpose and is not maintained it is a threat to downstream properties during seasonal flooding. The Massachusetts Emergency Management Act has developed a grant program that would allow for the removal of defunct dams. The Town is seeking to access that grant to remove this dam and to utilize the upper two thirds of the property for passive recreation. When the owner was approached they indicated that they preferred selling the entire property. The Town is now in the process of negotiating with the owner a selling price for the property. It is anticipated that a firm selling price will be arrived at before the end of this year. If the property is purchased the Town would than seek a grant from American Rivers-NOAA, MEMA or FEMA to remove the concrete dam and restore the Fort Pond Brook River way. Once the dam is removed the Town may than seek additional CPA funds to develop a passive recreational use for the greater portion of land. There is also a possibility that the Town may seek to site a couple of affordable housing units on the site. April 15, 2007 **Estimated Date for Commencement of Project:** Estimated Date for Completion of Project: June 30, 2007

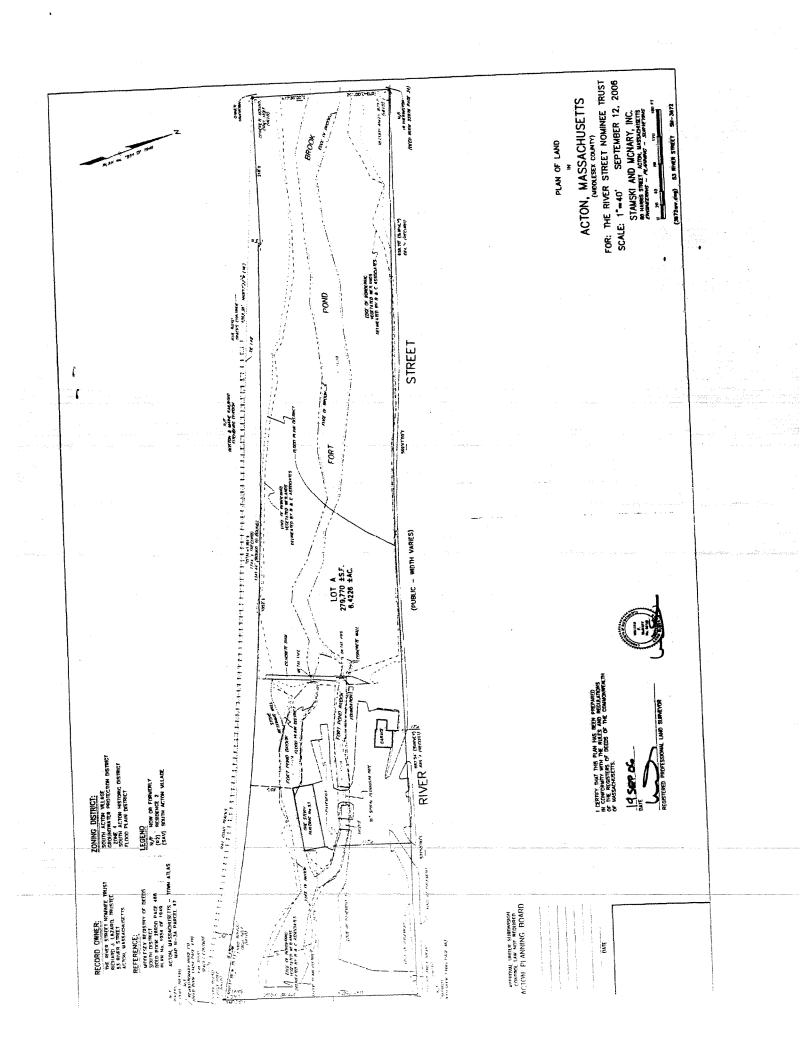
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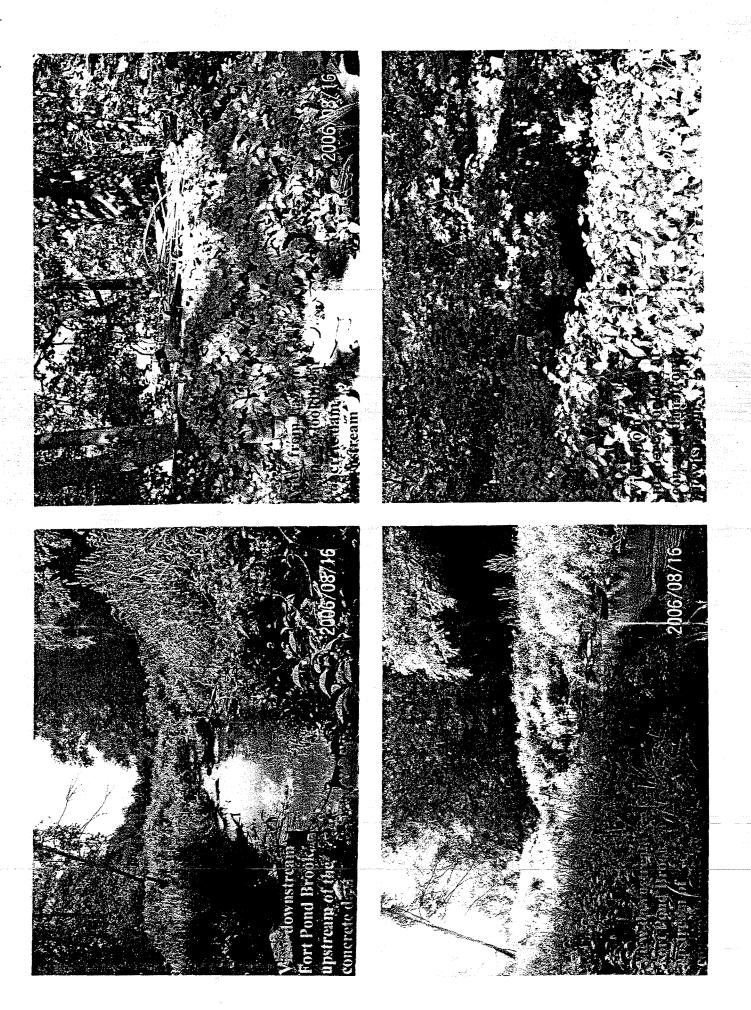
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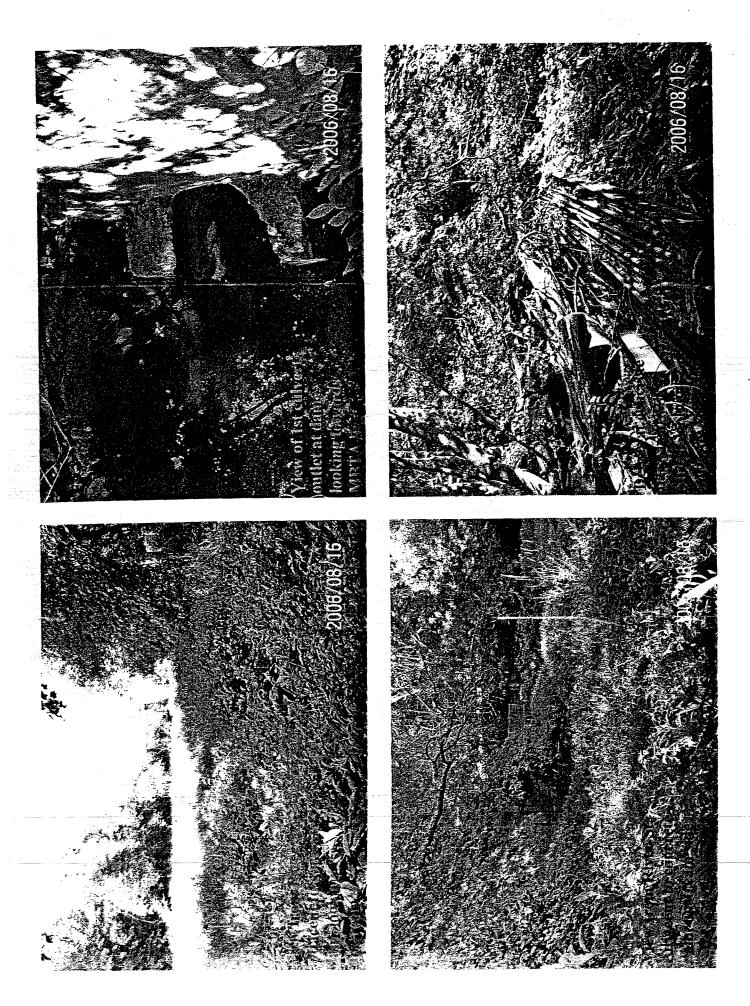
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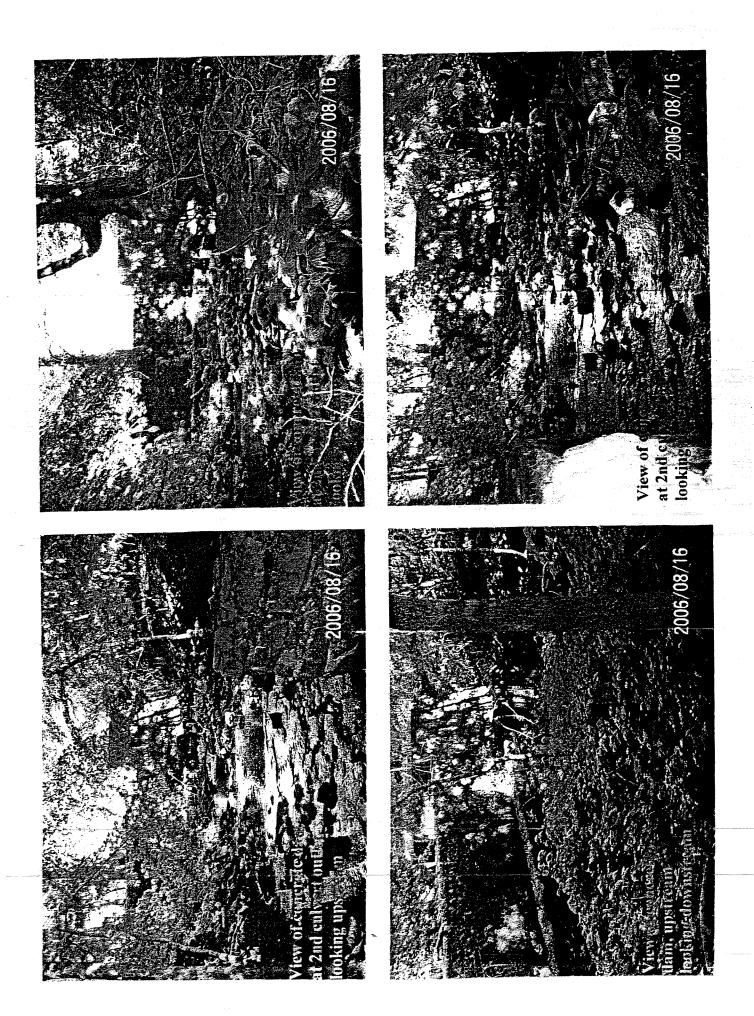
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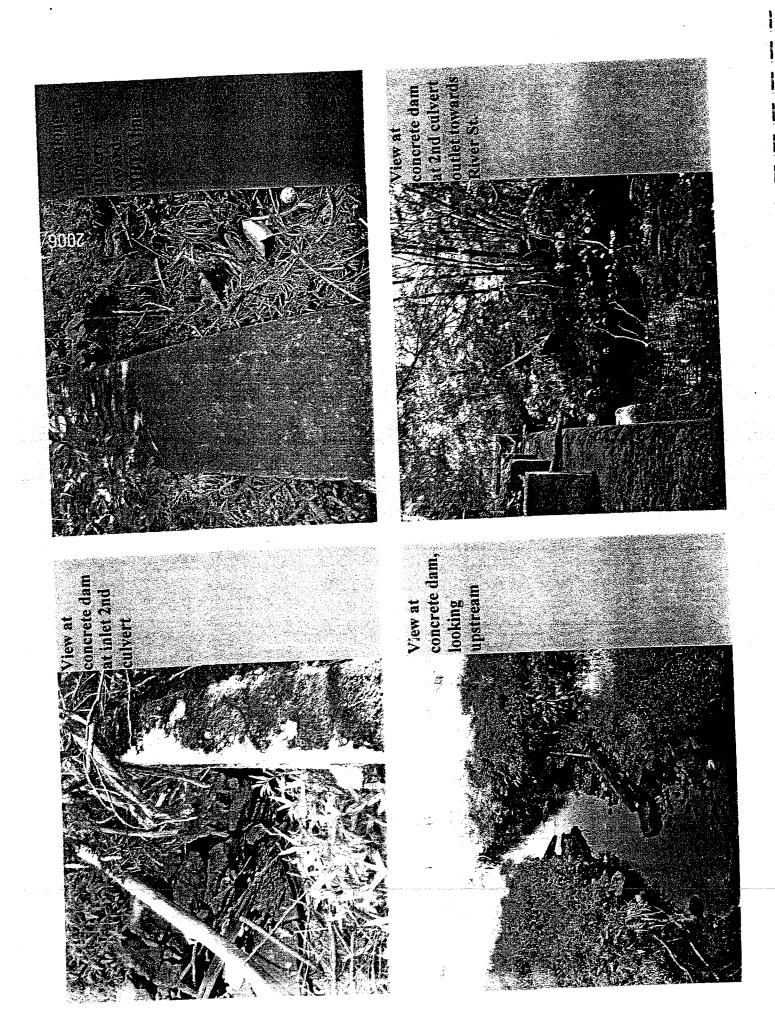
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# AMERICAN RIVERS-NOAA COMMUNITY-BASED RESTORATION PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP



# FUNDING GUIDELINES FOR RIVER RESTORATION GRANTS

American Rivers, through its habitat restoration partnership with the NOAA Community-Based Restoration Program, provides funding for dam removal or fish passage projects to individuals and organizations such as civic associations and conservation groups; state, local and Tribal governments; and other commercial and non-profit organizations. American Rivers and NOAA reserve the right to determine, at their sole discretion, the eligibility of a project for support.

# How does my organization apply for funds?

All potential applicants are encouraged to contact American Rivers prior to submitting an application. Applications are currently being accepted for the first cycle of fiscal year 2007 with a deadline of November 1, 2006. Applications for projects must be postmarked or emailed by the deadline for consideration for the funding cycle. All project grants are non-renewable and may last up to 18 months. We expect to notify applicants about funding by mid-February 2007.

When applying for funds, at a minimum include the following (preferably in electronic format):

- Cover letter from applicant organization;
- Completed application with detailed budget;
- Map with barrier/project indicated;
- Design Plans (if available); and
- Letter of concurrence from owner of dam or barrier (if different from applicant).

Supporting documentation such as other maps, photographs, and letters of support are encouraged, but not required. Additional information may be requested before an award is finalized. We strongly encourage you to contact American Rivers to discuss the potential project prior to submitting an application.

What types of projects will be funded by the American Rivers - NOAA Community-Based Restoration Program Partnership?

The Partnership funds hands-on, action-oriented projects in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Northwest<sup>2</sup> and California that have clear and identifiable benefits to anadromous fish populations and restoration of riverine habitat that support anadromous species. The two types of acceptable projects include:

 Fish passage (e.g., dam removal, fish ladders, nature like by-pass channels, culvert removal/retrofit); and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Successful applicants will be <u>not</u> be eligible for additional funding in future grant rounds for the same phase of a project.
<sup>2</sup> Northeast- ME, VT, NH, MA, RI, CT, & NY; Mid- Atlantic- PA, NJ, DE, MD, DC, VA; Northwest- OR, WA, & ID

2. Preliminary analysis essential to development of the project (e.g., engineering, design, sediment analysis.) A limited number of proposals submitted under this category will receive funding.

The American Rivers-NOAA Community-Based Restoration Program Partnership will consider inclusion of funds for salaries and/or travel that are directly related to completion of the project as part of a restoration grant. A maximum of 15% of requested funding is eligible for overhead/administrative expenses.

Projects that are requesting funding to maintain an existing fish passage structure are not eligible for funding from the American Rivers-NOAA Community-Based Restoration Program Partnership. Additionally, these funds are project based and are not eligible for general organizational support or campaign funding.

A regional river restoration steering committee, comprised of staff from American Rivers and the NOAA Community-Based Restoration Program, as well as select regional representatives, will evaluate each proposal and make recommendations. American Rivers will consult with NOAA staff to make a final decision on funding and will notify applicants once a decision has been made.

We expect the average restoration grant to fall within the range of \$5,000 to \$25,000<sup>3</sup>. Proposals can be part of a larger restoration project funded through additional sources; however, organizations receiving awards must be able to demonstrate achievement of stated project objectives within the 18-month time frame of the grant.

Although a formal 1:1 federal:non-federal match is not required, such matching funds greatly enhance the merit of the application and are strongly encouraged.

#### How do I contact American Rivers?

Potential applicants with specific questions about the application process are encouraged go to our web site www.americanrivers.org. If the information cannot be found on the web site, please contact:

Serena S. McClain American Rivers 1101 14th Street, NW Suite 1400 Washington, DC 20005 Tel: (202) 347-7550 x3004

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Email: rivergrants@amrivers.org

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For the November 2006 grant round, we will not consider proposals submitted requesting more than \$25,000 in funding.

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# FEMA's 2006 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has announced the availability of program guidance for the 2006 FMA grant program. FMA was created as part of the National Flood Insurance Reform Act (NFIRA) of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 4101) with the goal of reducing or eliminating claims under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Funding for the program is provided through the National Flood Insurance Fund.

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FMA provides funding to assist States and communities in implementing measures to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to buildings, manufactured homes, and other structures insurable under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). FMA Planning Grants are available to States and communities to prepare Flood Mitigation Plans. NFIP-participating communities with approved Flood Mitigation Plans (or All-Hazard Mitigation Plans) can apply for FMA Project Grants. FMA Project Grants are available to States and NFIP participating communities to implement measures to reduce flood losses.

Communities receiving FMA Planning and Project Grants <u>must be participating in the NFIP</u>. A few examples of eligible FMA projects include: the elevation, acquisition, and relocation of NFIP-insured structures; minor flood mitigation projects that reduce localized flooding problems. Applicants are encouraged to prioritize FMA project grant applications that include repetitive loss properties.

Additional information related to this grant program is available at:

#### http://www.fema.gov/fima/fma.shtm

The Fiscal Year 2006 FMA program guidance documents provide information and guidance on implementing the FMA program in Fiscal Year 2006, including program requirements, eligibility and grants management. The guidance documents for the Fiscal Year 2006 FMA program may be downloaded below.

- FY 2006 FMA Program Guidance (402KB PDF, 96KB TXT)
- FY 2006 FMA Agreement Articles (119KB PDF, 14KB TXT)
- FY 2006 FMA Timeline (123KB PDF, 2KB TXT)

FEMA's grant application deadline has been set for April 7, 2006; interested applicants must submit the completed Pre-Application/Notice of Intent (see below) on or before 5:00pm Friday March 10, 2006. MEMA & DCR will be in contact with your community if your project is selected for formal grant application submission to FEMA.

To be eligible for 'project' grants, a community must have a FEMA-approved flood mitigation plan or all-hazard mitigation plan prior to grant award.

The statewide target allocations for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the 2006 FMA program are as follows:

Projects = \$394,920 Planning = \$40,000

Pre-Application and Notice of Interest was



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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#### Dear Municipal Official:

In October 2005 and again in May 2006, Massachusetts was hit with serious rainstorms that caused significant flooding across much of the Commonwealth. The President declared many Massachusetts counties major disaster areas in the weeks following these storms. These declarations allow a wide range of federal aid to become available for the affected areas.

One component of this aid is the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is jointly administered by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). These grants are available to state agencies, local governments, certain private non-profit organizations (as defined in 44 CFR § 206.221(e)), and Indian tribes to fund cost-effective measures to reduce or prevent future flood damage. Communities must have a FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan at the time of grant award to be eligible for HMGP funding.

Attached is an information sheet explaining the details of this grant program and a Pre-Application form. The Commonwealth will send full application packages to eligible applicants upon receipt of a fully executed Pre-Application. Pre-Applications must be postmarked by August 31, 2006 to be considered for HMGP funding. For your information, this packet has been sent to the chief elected and/or administrative official, conservation commission, building official, planning official and emergency manager in your community. Communities should coordinate all pre-applications and applications among their various boards or departments to avoid conflicting or competing project applications. The Chief Elected Official must sign all applications from municipalities, including individual municipal agencies.

Pre-Applications and applications should be submitted to the MEMA Disaster Recovery Department, attention Scott MacLeod, Mitigation Grants Manager, MEMA, 400 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA 01702.

#### For additional information please contact:

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Sincerely,

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### HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP) INFORMATION SHEET

INTRODUCTION

In furtherance of the Commonwealth's commitment to mitigation of natural hazards, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), in cooperation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announce the availability of funding under the Section 404 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

The Disaster Relief Act of 1974 was amended in 1988, incorporating hazard mitigation into FEMA disaster assistance programs. Under Section 404 of the amended act (Stafford Act), FEMA provides funding for hazard mitigation in a declared disaster.

Hazard mitigation reduces or eliminates losses of life and property from natural disasters. After disasters, repairs and reconstruction are often completed in such a way as to simply restore damaged property to pre-disaster conditions; such efforts expedite a return to normalcy. However, replication of pre-disaster conditions results in a cycle of damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage. Hazard mitigation is needed to ensure that such cycles are broken, that post-disaster repairs and reconstruction take place after damages are analyzed, and that sounder, less vulnerable conditions are produced. Applications for this grant program must meet the goal of reduction of future losses due to natural hazards.

WHO MAY APPLY?

State agencies, municipal governments, water and sewer districts, conservation districts, regional planning agencies, Indian tribes or authorized tribal organizations, and certain eligible private non-profit organizations or institutions (as defined in 44 CFR § 206.221(e)) are eligible to apply. Communities must have a FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan at the time of grant award to be eligible for HMGP funding.

APPLICATIONS AND ASSISTANCE

Pre-Applications, Applications and technical assistance are available through the Massachusetts State Hazard Mitigation Team. Please contact Scott MacLeod, MEMA Mitigation Grants Manager at (508) 820-1445, Scott.MacLeod@state.ma.us or Richard Zingarelli, State Hazard Mitigation Officer at (617) 626-1406, Richard Zingarelli@state.ma.us. A series of briefings and technical workshops will be conducted prior to the application deadline(s). Please monitor MEMA's website (www.mass.gov/mema) for additional information related to the HMGP application process, deadlines and related information.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Pre-Applications must be submitted to the MEMA Disaster Recovery Department, attention Scott MacLeod, Mitigation Grants Manager, MEMA, 400 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA 01702, postmarked by August 31, 2006. The State Hazard Mitigation Team will forward a full Application package to each eligible applicant who submits a Pre-Application. Communities can submit multiple applications but each project must demonstrate cost-effective mitigation benefits independent of other applications. The local Chief Elected Official must sign all applications.

AMOUNT OF FUNDS AVAILABLE

The amount of HMGP funding will be seven and one-half (7.5) percent of the total federal Public Assistance (PA) and Individual Assistance (IA) made available as a result of the disaster declaration. At this time, it is anticipated that approximately \$2,000,000 of federal funding will be available for hazard mitigation grant projects.

TYPE OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

The purpose of the grant program is to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures to reduce risk to human life and property from natural hazards. Examples of eligible projects include:

- Acquisition of real property for willing sellers and demolition or relocation of buildings to convert the property to open space use;
- Retrofitting structures and facilities to minimize damages from high winds, earthquake, flood, wildfire, or other natural hazards;
- Elevation of flood prone structures;
- Development and initial implementation of vegetative management programs;
- Minor flood control projects that do not duplicate the flood prevention activities of other Federal agencies;

 Localized flood control projects, such as certain ring levees and floodwall systems, which are designed specifically to protect critical facilities.

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 authorizes up to 7% of the HMGP ceiling to be used for the development of State, Indian Tribal, and/or local mitigation plans that meet the planning criteria outlined in 44 CFR Part 201. A benefit-cost analysis is not required for the use of the 7% planning funds.

#### TYPE OF ASSISTANCE

The grants are federal funds made on a 75/25 cost sharing basis with at least 25% of the project cost being non-federal contribution provided by the applicant. In-kind services and equipment/materials can be used as the match requirement. HMGP grants can be used in combination with other federal, state, or local programs, but cannot duplicate or replace existing programs, nor be used as a match for other federal funds.

#### PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

Available federal funds will most likely not be sufficient to support all eligible project applications. The project proposals will be evaluated and prioritized by the state hazard mitigation team according to the following criteria. An attempt will be made to award grants to the maximum number of eligible projects. Recommendations for funding will be made by the MEMA & DCR to the regional FEMA office, and they will make the final selection of grants to be awarded. The mitigation measure proposed should not be intended to replace what was damaged only, but rather should provide more protection to life and property than what existed prior to the storm.

- 1. Measures that best fit within an overall plan for development and/or hazard mitigation in the community, disaster area, or State. Massachusetts sets priority on non-structural solutions, storm damaged structure/property acquisition efforts, and plans that promote retrofitting flood prone structures and overall environmental protection. Equipment purchases will be a low priority unless demonstrated to be an integral part of an overall hazard mitigation plan.
- 2. Measures that, if not taken, will have a severe detrimental impact on the applicant, such as loss of life, loss of essential services, damage to critical facilities, or economic hardship on the community.
- 3. Measures that have the greatest potential impact on reducing future disaster losses. Measures must have a demonstrated ability to solve the problem. They cannot merely analyze or identify hazards and problems.
- 4. Projects designed to protect and/or improve the environment while reducing damage potential.
- 5. Projects that have maximum local support, a high level of interest and commitment by the applicant.
- 6. Applicant has technical ability to successfully implement the project in a cost-effective manner.
- 7. Projects that enhance environmental protection; at a minimum, projects must meet all local, state, and federal environmental standards, and not require a variance to state environmental regulations.
- 8. Projects involving public/private partnership.

#### HMGP LIMITATIONS

HMGP funds cannot be used as a substitute or replacement to fund projects or programs that are available under other Federal authorities. HMGP funds cannot be used as a match for other Federal funds. The non-federal share of the project cost may not be met by another federal grant. However, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds may be used as the non-federal match for HMGP projects if the project is eligible under the block grant program. The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) considers their loan funds to lose their Federal identity once the loan to the individual is approved. Therefore, homeowners can supply funds from this source to match HMGP funds. Bureau of Indian Affairs funds may also be used as match for HMGP.

#### CONTRACT PROCESS

After the grant has been awarded, a contract between the applicant and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be developed. This contract will explain how the grant money will be used, outline the grant limitations, the procedure for payment and the term (deadline) of the contract. Grant-funds must be spent within the length of time agreed to within the contract. The State of Massachusetts will conduct follow-up surveys to insure that all contract requirements are met and will require progress and financial reports from the applicant each quarter until the contract is completed.



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# Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) – Pre-Application (Please type or print clearly)

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